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Testimony Regarding SB 478
Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission –
Reporting and Sunset Extension
Before the Judicial Proceedings Committee
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Good afternoon Chair Smith, and Committee Members,

In 2019 the Maryland General Assembly established the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission (MLTRC) to research cases of racially motivated lynchings and to hold public meetings and regional hearings.¹

The first task assigned to the MLTRC was to submit an interim report, which occurred in September 2020.

Senate Bill 478 seeks to extend the Commission for two years to give it more time to complete its work. I ask for a favorable report on SB 478.

¹ Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission. [Interim Report](#). September 21, 2020, 3.